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SUBJECT: TEXTILES: AMENDMENT TO US-GOP TEXTILE BILATERAL

REF: A. MANILA 10595, B. STATE 165051

1. PHILIPPINE TEXTILE EXPORT BOARD (TEB) ATTEMPTING URGENTLY TO ARRANGE EXCHANGE OF NOTES PER REF A, BUT HAS INFORMED EMBASSY DRAFT NOTE PROPOSED IN REF A DOES NOT RPT NOT BUILD ON AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT EXCHANGED ON BASIS AUGUST 1976 TALKS AND REPORTED REF B. EMBASSY HAS NOT RPT NOT RECALCULATED ALL OF LEVELS AMENDED BY DRAFT NOTE (REF A) BUT HAS, VERIFIED THAT TEB CONTENTION IS CORRECT REGARDING LEVEL FOR MERGED CATEGORY 41/42/43/62 (PART-KNIT TOPS): THE LEVEL OF 683,456 DOZEN PROPOSED IN DRAFT NOTE DOES NOT RPT NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT AGREEMENT AS NOW AMENDED.

2. PHILIPPINE TEXTILE NEGOTIATORS BELIEVE THAT EITHER WASHINGTON OFFICES DRAFTING REF. A NOTE MISUNDERSTOOD U.S. NEGOTIATORS' INTENTIONS OR THAT THEY, THE PHILIPPINE NEGOTIATORS, HAVE BEEN MISLED. WE REALIZE THAT EXCHANGE OF NOTES AMENDING TEXTILE AGREEMENT WAS

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UNEXPLICABLY DELAYED BY GOP FOR A LONG PERIOD. HOWEVER, PHILIPPINE DELEGATION CHAIRMAN, FRED PIO DE RODA SAYS THAT HE WAS UNDER IMPRESSION THAT GENEVA MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING WOULD APPLY TO AMENDED BILATERAL, AND THAT U.S. TEAM SAID NOTHING TO ALTER HIS IMPRESSION.

3. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS AND WORKS ASSIDUOUSLY TO SUPPORT USG

EFFORTS TO CONTROL PHILIPPINE TEXTILE IMPORTS INTO UNITED STATES. TOUGH NEGOTIATING IS A REQUISITE OF THE SITUATION. WE REGRET HOWEVER, THE AMBIGUITY IN THE PRESENT SITUATION WHICH OPENS WAY FOR MUTUAL ACCUSATIONS OF SHARP PRACTICE. SINCE U.S. NOTE CONTAINING FIRST AMENDMENT TO TEXTILE BILATERAL HAD BEEN DELIVERED TO GOP PRIOR TO GENEVA TALKS, (AND WAS NOT RPT NOT RECALLED AFTER GENEVA TALKS), EMBASSY BELIEVES FILIPINO CONTENTION THAT GENEVA TALKS WERE BASED ON LEVELS OF AMENDED AGREEMENT IS REASONABLE.

4. REQUEST DEPARTMENT FURNISH DRAFT OF NOTE (BASED ON GENEVA MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING) WHICH BUILDS ON AGREEMENT AS NOW AMENDED.

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